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MS. GIAMPAOLI: Thank you very much. My name is Mary Ellen Giampaoli. I'm speaking today on behalf of Mr. Les Bradshaw, manager for the Nye County Department of Natural Resources and Federal Facilities. As you may be aware, Nye County is the county that will host this proposed repository should the program go forward.

¹ For the record, I would like to state that Nye County has maintained a neutral position in this entire process. We neither support nor oppose the repository. Nye County recognizes that it has no role in the decision process and no voice in the outcome of this process. If a repository's identified for Yucca Mountain, Nye County will be forced to accept it. Thus Nye County's role in this entire process is to protect the health and safety of its residents and also under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act to provide technical and oversight of Department of Energy activities at Yucca Mountain.

² My statement today is very brief as we have spoken at other public hearings and will be providing written comments before the February 9th deadline. We note Clark County's concerns with regard to transportation of spent nuclear fuel and high-level waste. Nye County, the site county, shares many concerns as the terminal point for all waste shipments to the proposed repository, and Nye County has significant concerns regarding all proposed and alternative routes and modes of transportation through its towns and communities.

For these reasons, Nye County has publicly stated and now reiterates its preference for the Chalk Mountain route or other alternative routes where the risks associated with transportation are born by the Federal Government and its agencies rather than by the citizens of Nye County and the State of Nevada. Thank you.